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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent application of:

Jashawant J. Modi

Serial No.: 08/855,779

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For: Hydrophobically Modified Polysaccharide  
In Personal Care Products

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

On June 27, 2003, the Examiner issued an Official Action. In response to that Official Action, applicant filed an Amendment with a three-month Extension of Time on December 18, 2003.

Since more than six (6) months have passed since the filing of the Amendment as noted, it is respectfully requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office provide applicant with an indication of when he can expect this application to be issued an Official Action in response to the Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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